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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, OTRA, LY

SUBJ: FAA TRAINING FOR LIBYAN STUDENTS

REF: A) STATE 5532; B) 77 TRIPOLI 1526

1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED REFTEL A WITH CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING DIRECTOR YUSIF EL-GAID AT LENGTH ON 15 JANUARY. EL-GAID REITERATED LIBYAN GOVERNMENT DESIRE FOR TRAINING OF TWO GROUPS TO COMMENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE PROVIDED FOLLOWING DETAILS ON INITIAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF FAA: MONEY TRANSFER LETTER NUMBER 3-253-317 WAS SENT TO LIBYAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON 25 DECEMBER FOR SUM OF LIBYAN DINARS 35,881.911 (U.S. DOLLARS 122,000). EL-GAID BELIEVED THAT THIS CHECK SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED BY NOW AND THAT EMBASSY WOULD BE ABLE TO TRANSFER IT IMMEDIATELY TO FAA. EL-GAID PROMISED TO CONTACT EMBASSY BY PHONE ON 16 JANUARY TO CONFIRM ARRIVAL OF CHECK AND REQUEST THAT MONEY BE TRANSMITTED TO FAA IMMEDIATELY. HE FURTHER PROMISED TO TAKE STEPS TO TRANSFER ADDITIONAL U.S. DOLLARS 64,000 TO MAKE UP REMAINING SUM TO REACH TOTAL OF U.S. DOLLARS 186,000 REQUESTED BY FAA IN CONTRACT AGREEMENT.

2. EL-GAID EAGER FOR LIBYAN STUDENTS (ADDITIONAL 8 OBTAINED VISAS FROM EMBASSY AND DEPARTED TRIPOLI FOR U.S. IN EARLY JANUARY) TO BEGIN FAA TRAINING AS QUICKLY AS FEASIBLE. HE
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AWARE THAT ACCORDING TO TERMS OF CONTRACT, FAA NOT OBLIGED TO BEGIN ITS TRAINING OF STUDENTS UNTIL SIX MONTHS AFTER RECEIPT OF 186,000 DOLLAR DEPOSIT, BUT HE ASKED THAT FAA MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO START CLASSES AT VERY LATEST BY 1 MAY.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT EL-GAID ACTING IN
GOOD FAITH, BUT HAMPERED BY NORMAL LIBYAN BUREAUCRATIC

SNARL. REQUEST THAT FAA START TRAINING AS SOON AS FINANCIAL
CONDITIONS MET AND PREPARATIONS PERMIT. WOULD ALSO
APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF WHEN IT APPEARS COURSES CAN
BE STARTED.
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